

AIDS THE ASBESTOS INDUCED DISEASES SOCIETY

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Dear John,

Many thanks for sending me the papers. You are doing an incredible amount of work and at least you aren't being ignored. We can't expect the Establishment - civil service, government or unions to thank us for complaining, but it has to be done. It is only by pursuing every aspect and case we can find ~~for~~ time for, that we will make progress. I am in touch with T F Russell - 60 re Walter Burns and also Pattinsons Brewer - 8-12 New Road Batham Kent ME4 4QR re Mrs. J.D. McQuade.

Did your Branch ever get Dr. Dewi Davies to Glasgow? He offered to travel to Glasgow and Blythton has written to District Secretaries of TGWU that they should not rely on EMAS Survey but should arrange full-size chest X-ray screening locally, so there can be no Union objection.

The Price Commission has been re-organised and moved which has added greatly to my problems, but I hope things will settle down. I have a new phone number 9-30-5.30.01

I have the draft Constitution for AIDS at last - but it is a very slow, tedious business and still needs finalising and registering before we can even start fund raising - let alone become effective.

I must now prepare my paper for Dobrovnik. Have you a colour transparency 35mm of yourself, in case I can use it? Do you know of an asbestos factory which used to be near the Armadale Steelworks? Can you let me have any information on it? For example, its name, how long it operated, when did it close, its reputation for dustiness - inside & the environment - its waste disposal - any asbestos disease known amongst its employees - were you ever connected with it? Can you let me know within a week?

What do you know of T & N waste dumps on Glyde side?

Things are moving amongst Tube staff and Southampton Dockers - but we need resources to operate nationally & internationally. At least we haven't gone quietly away as industry hoped. I am told they hope to take me over by a grant to AIDS - but I shall tell them to pay any money direct to men's widows - I won't touch it.

Do you know of 1945 Chief Inspector of Factories letter, warning of risks of asbestos in ship building - its genuine, went to C131 - TUC.

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Can you get it to every solicitor & let me know who knew of it, & who/men

didn't. I want as many solicitors as possible to see it and I want it to get to Unions, men etc. who were given no protection - tell the media if they will listen & they can contact me, if they want

I want to know who knew of it, and so aren't surprised, and who have never seen it before & their reaction.

Note particularly 'even if the work will only be temporary' i.e. They knew even in 1945 that it was not necessary to work for a lifetime to be at risk.

& John Heggie - also to John Healey - send them the 1945 letter.

in haste,

sincerely

Henry Tait

I heard from Pattinson & Brewer* about Mrs McQuade & sent them some papers on disease amongst insulators.

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